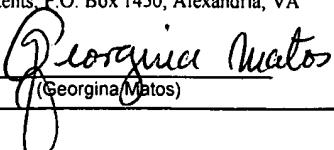


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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 29, 2005 (Paper No. 07262005), for which a response is due on October 27, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.